

Coast Range Province Advisory Committee
May 29, 2003
Lasells Stewart Center
Corvallis, Oregon

Attendees: Mike Kennedy, Denis Williamson, Joni Quarnstrom, Julie Schreiber, George Buckingham, Barry Wulff, Betty Jean Keele, Cindy Enstrom, Rennie Ferris, Kim Gossen, Ron Phillips, Mike Wilson, Ron Brainard, Greg Norton, Alan Henning, Michael Carrier, Julia Dougan, Trish Horgervorst, Carmen Saunders, Dick Prather, Johnny Sundstrom and Brendon White.

Welcome: Denis Williamson and George Buckingham, acting for Gloria Brown and welcome to our new Coast PAC members Betty Jean Keele, Barry Wulff and Ron Phillips. Bob Reese had to miss the meeting but will be joining us in the future.

Member Representation Discussion: How do we bring back information to share with agencies, new members and network the information? With on the ground implementation, communicate with private landowners, education with schools, and work on local level/local people, share information so we can link to make things happen. The idea of collaboration of Federal Land Agency and Private Landowner will take time to get things working together.

Orientation of the NW Forest Plan, DEIS Survey and Manage and Aquatic Conservation Strategy

Presenter – Dick Prather:

Dick provided a handout and presented a power-point presentation that gave an overview of the following.

- Overview of NW Forest Plan-
- Survey and Manage-
- Aquatic Conservation Strategy-

Aquatic SEIS comment period – July 10, 2003 reply due date

Survey and Manage SEIS comment period – August 22, 2003 reply due date

Aquatic – Consider all Water shed Analysis to make sure we are surveying all the land. Consider getting the private sector involved.

DECISION: The PAC members will make individual comments on the two DEIS.

Northwest Forest Plan and all documents are on the web – www.or.blm.gov click on NW Forest Plan.

Future Meetings and Topics – PAC Monitoring Trip

Presenter – Brendon White:

- Monitoring Trip: July 29-31, we will be looking at the Rotweiler Thin and Blue Bird Thin, on the Siuslaw National Forest.
- Start at Florence with the Blue Bird Thin.
- Travel to Lincoln city to look at the Rotweiler Thin.
- Final Agenda will be coming out soon

Documentation will be sent out to the PAC members before the monitoring trip.

If you have questions regarding the Monitoring Trip contact: [Brendan White@fws.gov](mailto:Brendan.White@fws.gov)

Lower Siuslaw Sub-Committee Update

Presenter – Johnny Sundstrom:

Siuslaw Basin Stewardship Pilot –

How could we as a PAC help FS and BLM make an effort to reach out to existing entities and see how they feel we can better help community relationship. We talked about making a taskforce to make contacts and investigate on-going projects process and strategies.

Examples - Fish biologist in the classrooms, local fire departments and Forest Service fire crews working together. Get involved with the local communities.

Propose – Have Bob Turner do a presentation at our July meeting regarding our Stewardship Pilot program.

Charles Spencer – small diameter logs, business opportunities, economics in small communities

Contracting – regulations Contractors that do work for our agency – regulations

How do federal managers take what we learned into strategy?

Strategy

When can an agency give economic assistance?

Define and clarify what opportunities there may be.

DECISION – **Sub committee get together** – Denis, George, Johnny, Rennie, Kim, Alan, Mandy, Mike Wilson, Ron – getting together to define the scope.

***** Define the Scope for the PAC, for the economic capacity for the opportunity Gloria talked about (for subcommittee)**

- Rennie will take the lead on this
- Partnerships
- Bring economic capacity into the NW forest plan
- Barriers and outcome for the whole PAC to attend (George's exercise)

July Agenda – Draft

- Sub committee report
- Stewardship pilot – monitoring, (economics portion only)
- Contracts – cost barriers
- Payco update – how it is working

Round Robin:

Mike Kennedy: Siletz has Memorandum of Understanding with Siskyou and Siuslaw to help communicate and work together. In a couple of weeks we will be signing an agreement with the Willamette National Forest. The tribe is going to try and restore Camas prairie- Have already done two prescribed burns.

Ron Brainard: Senator Smith introduced a bill to get some homeland back for the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Confederated Tribes from the Siuslaw National Forest. We hope it will take place this year.

Betty Jean Keele: Her personal concern is to foster horse trails in the Coastal Range.

Rennie Ferris: State budget impacts the Watershed Council – grants are going away- there is going to be increased competition for grants. It is going to be tough to replace OWEB dollars.

Ron Phillips: ATV - We have a national treasure on the Oregon Dunes. There is a great deal of development going on there. There is a growing need for trail building in the National Forest. We ATV users pay fees and those funds could be used for developing ATV areas.

Julia Dougan – Eugene District has plenty of money for construction on recreation sites, Timber harvest and other work. It is going to be a very busy and productive summer. Fixing the Hult Pond dam – LSR 267 EIS for the 35,000 acres restoration project should be out soon.

Allan Henning– project officer on grants- It is a busy time, we have several projects ready to go. Kristie Whitman resigned last week.

George Buckingham – The Chief approved the Siuslaw consolidation proposal for the southern three ranger districts. Bill Helphinstine is the District Ranger for the South Zone. The Deputy District Ranger position for the Oregon dunes is being advertised. The new alcohol probation on the Oregon Dunes and Sandlake was affective May 1, 2003. Revised agreement with Grande Ronde system restoration work in the upper Grande Ronde and signed MOU with lower Coos, Lower Umpqua Siuslaw Indians. Federal agencies are going thru competitive sourcing- way of competing for the work we do. Contractors can bid on Federal work. If their bid comes in lower than the governments price, they will be awarded work and take the place of federal employees. This will be an on-going process every year.

Barry Wulff – He recommends the book Who Moved My Cheese. Everybody needs to read it! Recreation is building Corvallis to the Sea Trail – we'd like to see more hiking thru the coast range, not just on trails but roads. People are trying to find the route from Corvallis to the sea. Hoping within a year there will be some options to bring to the public. If existing roads, trails are used we can see a trail from Corvallis to the coast.

Cindy Enstrom – Salem BLM replaced two large culverts on the South Fork Road. We also will be constructing a bypass. Fees have been raised at the Alsea Falls Campground however the day use is still free.

Dennis Williamson– It is going to be a busy field season, county payments and RAC is coming up.

Joni Quarnstrom – Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee meeting is coming up Thursday June 5, 2003.

Greg Norton – Test areas are withholding fourth quarter funding until things get figured out. No email- waiting for permission.